

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Currently Amended). A clear gel composition useful for skin care and protection, comprising: 30% to 80% w/w actual Dead Sea water; a non-ionic solubilizer; a hydrophobic active agent; a gelling agent or viscosity modifier; and deionized water to complete to 100%, the components being present in amounts that in combination provide a clear gel; wherein the gelling agent or viscosity modifier is selected from the group consisting of: Guar gum, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, methylcellulose, magnesium aluminum silicate, and xanthan.

2 (Cancelled).

3 (Previously Presented). The gel composition according to claim 1, wherein the solubilizer is selected from the group consisting of: POE 20 sorbitan monolaurate, polyethylene glycol ether of oleyl alcohol having 20 CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub> units, POE 20 sorbitan monooleate, polyethylene glycol ether of cetyl alcohol having 20 CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub> units, and PEG-hydrogenated castor oils - 36, 40 and 60.

4 (Original). The gel composition according to claim 1, further comprising an antioxidant.

5 (Cancelled).

6 (Original). The gel composition according to claim 4, wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of: butylated hydroxy anisole, butylated hydroxy toluene, tocopherol, and tetrasodium ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid.

7-9 (Cancelled)

10 (Original). The gel composition according to claim 1, further comprising a hydrophilic active agent.

11 (Cancelled)

12 (Original). The gel composition according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: vegetable oils, free fatty acids, and vitamins.

13 (Original) The gel composition according to claim 10, wherein the hydrophilic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: humectants,  $\alpha$ -hydroxy acids, anti-irritant agents, plant extracts, moisturizing agents and hydrolyzed plant proteins.

14-15 (Cancelled)

16 (Original). The gel composition according to claim 1, further comprising a fragrance.

17 (Original). The gel composition according to claim 16, wherein the fragrance is a synthetic fragrance or an

aromatic oil selected from the group consisting of: lavender oil, patchouli oil, and sandalwood oil.

18 (Original). The gel composition according to claim 3, wherein the hydrophobic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: vegetable oils, free fatty acids, and vitamins.

19 (Original). The gel composition according to claim 3, wherein the hydrophilic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: humectants,  $\alpha$ -hydroxy acids, anti-irritant agents, plant extracts, moisturizing agents and hydrolyzed plant proteins.

20-21 (Cancelled).

22 (Original). The gel composition according to claim 3, further including a fragrance that is a synthetic fragrance or an aromatic oil selected from the group consisting of: lavender oil, patchouli oil, and sandalwood oil.

23 (Original). The gel composition according to claim 4, wherein the solubilizer is selected from the group consisting of: POE 20 sorbitan monolaurate, polyethylene glycol ether of olelyl alcohol having 20  $\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2$  units, POE 20 sorbitan monooleate, polyethylene glycol ether of cetyl alcohol having 20  $\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2$  units, and PEG-hydrogenated castor oils-36, 40 and 60.

24 (Original). The gel composition according to claim 4, wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of: butylated hydroxy anisole, butylated hydroxy toluene, tocopherol, and tetrasodium ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid.

25-26 (Cancelled).